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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

CAROLYN PERLIN, individually and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

TIME INC., a Delaware Corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 16-cv-10635

Hon. George Caram Steeh

**DECLARATION OF ARI J. SCHARG IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE
PARTIES’ CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

I, Ari J. Scharg, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an adult over the age of 18 and a resident of the State of Illinois. I am a partner at the law firm of Edelson PC, which has been retained to represent Plaintiff Carolyn Perlin (“Plaintiff”) in this matter and I am admitted to practice before this Court. I make this Declaration in support of Plaintiff’s Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. I have personal knowledge of all matters set forth herein unless otherwise indicated, and, if called upon to testify, I could and would competently do so.

2. Before this matter was initiated, my firm—Edelson PC—litigated a related class action against Defendant Time Inc. (“Defendant” or “Time”) captioned *Coulter-Owens v. Time Inc.*, Case No. 2:12-cv-14390-GCS-MKM (E.D.

Mich.) (the “Coulter-Owens matter”), which similarly alleged that Time violated the VRPA. The Coulter-Owens matter was brought by a different class representative and sought certification on behalf of a different class of magazine subscribers.

3. The Coulter-Owens matter was extensively litigated for over two years, which consisted of, among other things, extensive discovery, including multiple depositions, dispositive motion practice, including two rounds of briefing on motions to dismiss, adversarial class certification, and cross motions for summary judgment, and an appeal to the Sixth Circuit.

4. Based on the Sixth Circuit’s opinion, Plaintiff Carolyn Perlin brought this follow on putative class action against Time on behalf of Michigan consumers who purchased magazine subscriptions “at retail” directly from Time Inc. (Dkt. 1.)

5. Following the resolution of Defendant’s motion to dismiss under Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6), (Dkt. 20), Defendant answered Plaintiff’s Complaint by denying the allegations and raising seventeen (17) affirmative defenses. (Dkt. 29.) The Parties then exchanged initial disclosures and served written discovery on each other and eight third parties.

6. Over the next five months, the Parties engaged in substantial class- and merits-related discovery, which included the production and review of thousands of documents, numerous meet-and-confer conferences, and the

scheduling of depositions for both Plaintiff Perlin and a corporate representative from Time.

7. Before taking the scheduled depositions, however, the Parties engaged in settlement discussions in an effort to resolve the case without the expense of further litigation.

8. After multiple rounds of arms'-length negotiations between counsel experienced in valuing and negotiating VRPA class settlements, the Parties ultimately reached an agreement on the principal terms of the proposed Settlement, which is now before the Court.

9. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel view the proposed Settlement, which creates a \$7.4 million non-reversionary Settlement Fund, to be a significant recovery for the class. Based on Time's records, the proposed Settlement Class includes approximately 719,000 Michigan residents who purchased a Time magazine subscription, in a manner other than through a Time website, between February 19, 2013 and February 19, 2016. Based on typical claims rates in VRPA class actions, proposed Class Counsel estimates that each claimant should receive approximately \$25–50, which represents a payment per class member that is in line with previous VRPA settlements that have received final approval.

10. Edelson PC has extensive experience in litigating class actions of similar size, scope, and complexity to the instant action. My firm regularly engages

in major complex litigation on behalf of consumers and has extensive general experience in large and complex consumer class actions like the present case—including class actions brought and certified under the VRPA. (See Firm Resume of Edelson PC, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2-A). Edelson PC also has extensive experience litigating consumer privacy class actions, and have been appointed lead class counsel by this Court and numerous others throughout the country. (See Ex. 2-A); see also *Coulter-Owens v. Time, Inc.*, No. 12-CV-14390, 2015 WL 4527822, at *11 (E.D. Mich. July 27, 2015) (Steeh, J.) (On a motion for adversarial class certification in a VRPA case, holding that “counsel is qualified to serve as class counsel especially given counsel’s prior experience in handling a class action lawsuit dealing with the same claims before this court.”); *Halaburda v. Bauer Publishing Co.*, No. 12-cv-12831 (E.D. Mich.) (securing first ever class settlement under the VRPA).

11. To date, my firm has committed substantial human and financial resources to prosecuting Time for its allegedly unlawful disclosure practices, including extensively litigating the *Coulter-Owens* matter, investigating Plaintiff’s and the Settlement Class’s claims against Time, aggressively pursuing those claims through motion practice, conducting both formal and informal discovery, engaging in extensive settlement discussions, and ultimately, negotiating the proposed Settlement before the Court. My firm will continue to devote its resources to this

action throughout its pendency.

12. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel recognize that despite our belief in the strength of Plaintiff's claims and her ability to ultimately secure a \$5,000 statutory award under the VRPA, the expense, duration, and complexity of protracted litigation would be substantial and the outcome of trial uncertain.

13. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel are also mindful that absent a settlement, the success of Defendant's various defenses in this case could deprive the Plaintiff and the Settlement Class Members of any potential relief whatsoever. Time is represented by highly experienced attorneys who have made clear that absent a settlement, they were prepared to continue their vigorous defense of this case, including by moving for summary judgment. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel are also aware that Defendant would continue to challenge liability and the constitutionality of the VRPA, as well as assert a number of defenses based on, *inter alia*, (i) the Act's applicability to magazines and magazine publishers and (ii) whether the Act prohibits the specific third-party disclosures at issue here (i.e., particularly in light of Time's argument that third party Acxiom is its "agent" and that it does not sell subscriptions "at retail").

14. And, in light of the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Spokeo v. Robins*, the issue of Article III standing would continue to loom over this case, which poses risks to the continued maintenance of this case as a class action.

15. Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel are also aware that Defendant would appeal any judgment ultimately rendered in Plaintiff's favor (which would further delay recovery by the Settlement Class), and attempt to argue for a reduction of damages based on due process concerns.

16. In light of the risks of continued litigation, Plaintiff and proposed Class Counsel believe that the monetary and prospective relief provided by the Settlement weighs heavily in favor of a finding that it is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and well within the range of approval.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed this 13th day of June 2018 at Chicago, Illinois.

/s/ Ari J. Scharg

Exhibit 2-A

EDELSON PC FIRM RESUME

EDELSON PC is a plaintiffs' class and mass action firm with attorneys in Illinois and California.

Our attorneys have been recognized as leaders in these fields by state and federal courts, legislatures, national and international media groups, and our peers. Our reputation has led state and federal courts across the country to appoint us lead counsel in many high-profile cases, including in cutting-edge privacy class actions against comScore, Netflix, Time, Microsoft, and Facebook; Telephone Consumer Protection Act class actions against technology, media, and retail companies such as Google, Twentieth Century Fox, Simon & Schuster, and Steve Madden; data security class actions against LinkedIn, Advocate Hospitals, and AvMed; banking cases related to reductions in home equity lines of credit against Citibank, Wells Fargo, and JP Morgan Chase; fraudulent marketing cases against software companies such as Symantec, AVG and Ascentive; mobile content class actions against all major cellular telephone carriers; and product liability and personal injury cases, including the NCAA Single School/Single Sport Concussion MDL, personal injury cases against Merck alleging injuries caused by taking Vioxx, the Thomas the Tank Engine lead paint class actions and the tainted pet food litigation.

We are lead counsel in *Robins v. Spokeo*, 136 S.Ct. 1540 (2016) where the United States Supreme Court held that "intangible" harms can satisfy Article III standing requirements.

We have testified before the United States Senate and state legislative bodies on class action issues and have repeatedly been asked to work on federal and state legislation involving cellular telephony, privacy, and other consumer issues. Our attorneys have appeared on dozens of national and international television and radio programs, and in numerous national and international publications, discussing our cases and class action and consumer protection issues more generally. Our attorneys speak regularly at seminars on consumer protection and class action issues, and also lecture on class actions at law schools.

Overall, our settlements are valued at over \$1 billion, collectively.

PLAINTIFFS' CLASS AND MASS ACTION PRACTICE

EDELSON PC is a leader in plaintiffs' class and mass action litigation. Law360 has called us a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," a "Plaintiffs Class Action powerhouse" and a "Privacy Litigation Heavyweight." We have been specifically recognized as "pioneers in the electronic privacy class action field, having litigated some of the largest consumer class actions in the country on this issue." See *In re Facebook Privacy Litig.*, No. C 10-02389 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 10, 2010) (order appointing us interim co-lead of privacy class action); see also *In re Netflix Privacy Litig.*, No. 11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2011) (appointing us sole lead counsel due, in part, to our "significant and particularly specialized expertise in electronic privacy litigation and class actions. We have also been recognized by courts for our uniquely zealous and efficient approach to litigation, which led the then-Chief Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois to praise our work as "consistent with the highest standards of the profession" and "a model of what the profession should be. . . ." *In re Kentucky Fried Chicken Coupon Marketing & Sales Practices Litig.*, No. 09-cv-7670, MDL 2103 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 30, 2011). Likewise, in

appointing our firm interim co-lead in one of the most high profile banking cases in the country, a federal court pointed to our ability to be “vigorous advocates, constructive problem-solvers, and civil with their adversaries.” *In Re JPMorgan Chase Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, No. 10 C 3647 (N.D. Ill. July 16, 2010). After hard fought litigation, that case settled, resulting in the reinstatement of between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in home credit lines.

We have several sub-specialties within our plaintiffs’ class action practice:

MASS/CLASS TORT CASES

Our attorneys are representing labor unions and governmental entities seeking to recover losses arising out of the Opioid Crisis, classes of student athletes suffering from the long-term effects of concussive and sub-concussive injuries, homeowners who have lost their homes in Hurricane Harvey and were a part of a team of lawyers representing a group of public housing residents in a suit based upon contamination related injuries, a group of employees exposed to second-hand smoke on a riverboat casino, and a class of individuals suing a hospital and national association of blood banks for failure to warn of risks related to blood transfusions. Representative cases and settlements include:

- Filed first cases on behalf of labor unions seeking to recover losses arising out of the Opioid Crisis. *Se, e.g. Philadelphia Federation of Teachers Health and Welfare Fund v. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, No. 2:17-cv-04746-TJS (E.D. Penn. Oct. 26, 2017). Representing numerous other unions and governmental entities in similar soon-to-be-filed litigation.
- *In re: National Collegiate Athletic Association Single School/Single Sport Concussion Litig.*, No. 16-cv-8727, MDL No. 2492 (N.D. Ill.): Appointed co-lead counsel in MDL brought against the NCAA, its conferences and member institutions alleging personal injury claims on behalf of college football players resulting from repeated concussive and sub-concussive hits.
- *Bouzerand v. United States*, No. 1:17-cv-01195-VJW (Ct. Fed. Claims): Filed putative class action on behalf of homeowners alleging the government has to fairly compensate the class under the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause after the government flooded their homes by releasing reservoir waters during Hurricane Harvey. (Note: Court is expected to decide lead counsel in December).
- *Aaron v. Chicago Housing Authority*, No. 99 L 11738 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Part of team representing a group of public housing residents bringing suit over contamination-related injuries. Case settled on a mass basis for over \$10 million.

- *Januszewski v. Horseshoe Hammond*, No. 2:00CV352JM (N.D. Ind.): Part of team of attorneys in mass suit alleging that defendant riverboat casino caused injuries to its employees arising from exposure to second-hand smoke.
- *Merck/Vioxx Lawsuits*: Represented hundreds of individuals claiming medical problems including heart attacks and strokes after taking the prescription medication Vioxx. Cases resolved as part of Merck's global settlement.

The firm's cases regularly receive attention from local, national, and international media. Our cases and attorneys have been reported in the Chicago Tribune, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the LA Times, by the Reuters and UPI news services, and BBC International. Our attorneys have appeared on numerous national television and radio programs, including ABC World News, CNN, Fox News, NPR, and CBS Radio, as well as television and radio programs outside of the United States. We have also been called upon to give congressional testimony and other assistance in hearings involving our cases.

MORTGAGE & BANKING

EDELSON PC has been at the forefront of class action litigation arising in the aftermath of the federal bailouts of the banks. Our suits include claims that certain banks unlawfully suspended home credit lines based on pre-textual reasons, and that certain banks have failed to honor loan modification programs. We achieved the first federal appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of borrowers to enforce HAMP trial plans under state law. The court noted that "[p]rompt resolution of this matter is necessary not only for the good of the litigants but for the good of the Country." *Wigod v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 673 F.3d 547, 586 (7th Cir. 2012) (Ripple, J., concurring). Our settlements have restored billions of dollars in home credit lines to people throughout the country. Representative cases and settlements include:

- *In re JP Morgan Chase Bank Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, No. 10-cv-3647 (N.D. Ill.): Court appointed interim co-lead counsel in nationwide putative class action alleging illegal suspensions of home credit lines. Settlement restored between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in credit to the class.
- *Hamilton v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 09-cv-04152-CW (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class actions challenging Wells Fargo's suspensions of home equity lines of credit. Nationwide settlement restores access to over \$1 billion in credit and provides industry leading service enhancements and injunctive relief.
- *In re Citibank HELOC Reduction Litig.*, No. 09-cv-0350-MMC (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class actions challenging Citibank's suspensions of

home equity lines of credit. The settlement restored up to \$653,920,000 worth of credit to affected borrowers.

- *Wigod v. Wells Fargo*, No. 10-cv-2348 (N.D. Ill.): In ongoing putative class action, obtained first appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of private litigants to sue to enforce HAMP trial plans.

PRIVACY/DATA LOSS

Data Loss/Unauthorized Disclosure of Data

We have litigated numerous class actions involving issues of first impression against Facebook, Uber, Apple, Netflix, Sony, Gannett, Redbox, Pandora, Sears, Storm 8, Google, T-Mobile, Microsoft, and others involving failures to protect customers' private information, security breaches, and unauthorized sharing of personal information with third parties. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *City of Chicago and People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Kimberly M. Foxx, State's Attorney of Cook County, Illinois*, No. 17-CH-15594 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty, Ill.): Several Edelson attorneys appointed Special Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago and Special Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County, Illinois in their consolidated data breach/failure to notify lawsuit against Uber Technologies.
- *Dunstan v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in certified class action accusing Internet analytics company of improper data collection practices. The court has finally approved a \$14 million settlement.
- *Resnick v. Avmed*, No. 10-cv-24513 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in data breach case filed against health insurance company. Obtained landmark appellate decision endorsing common law unjust enrichment theory, irrespective of whether identity theft occurred. Case also resulted in the first class action settlement in the country to provide data breach victims with monetary payments irrespective of identity theft.
- *In re Netflix Privacy Litig.*, No. 11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in suit alleging that defendant violated the Video Privacy Protection Act by illegally retaining customer viewing information. Case resulted in a \$9 million dollar *cy pres* settlement that has been finally approved.
- *N.P. v. Standard Innovation (US), Corp.*, No. 1:16-cv-08655 (N.D. Ill.): Brought and resolved first ever IoT privacy class action against adult-toy manufacturer accused on collected and recording highly intimate and sensitive personal use data. Case resolved for \$3.75m (Canadian).

- *Sekura v. L.A. Tan Enterprises, Inc.*, No. 15 CH 16694 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, Ill.): Reached the first ever settlement under Illinois's biometric privacy statute. Settlement provided the class with \$1.25m and released only the franchiser and related companies, thus allowing additional ongoing suits against franchisees to continue.
- *Halaburda v. Bauer Publishing Co.*, No. 12-cv-12831 (E.D. Mich.); *Grenke v. Hearst Communications, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14221 (E.D. Mich.); *Fox v. Time, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14390 (E.D. Mich.): Consolidated actions brought under Michigan's Preservation of Personal Privacy Act, alleging unlawful disclosure of subscribers' personal information. In a groundbreaking decision, the court denied three motions to dismiss finding that the magazine publishers were covered by the act and that the illegal sale of personal information triggers an automatic \$5,000 award to each aggrieved consumer. In January and July of 2015, final approval was granted to a settlement reached in the *Bauer Publishing* matter and an adversarial class was certified in the *Time* case, respectively.
- *Standiford v. Palm*, No. 09-cv-05719-LHK (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in data loss class action, resulting in \$640,000 settlement.
- *In re Zynga Privacy Litig.*, No. 10-cv-04680 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit against gaming application designer for the alleged unlawful disclosure of its users' personally identifiable information to advertisers and other third parties.
- *In re Facebook Privacy Litig.*, No. 10-cv-02389 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit alleging that Facebook unlawfully shared its users' sensitive personally identifiable information with Facebook's advertising partners.
- *In re Sidekick Litig.*, No. C 09-04854-JW (N.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in cloud computing data loss case against T-Mobile and Microsoft. Settlement provided the class with potential settlement benefits valued at over \$12 million.
- *Desantis v. Sears*, No. 08 CH 00448 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement alleging national retailer allowed purchase information to be publicly available through the Internet.

Telephone Consumer Protection Act

EDELSON PC has been at the forefront of TCPA litigation for nearly a decade, having secured the groundbreaking *Satterfield* ruling in the Ninth Circuit applying the TCPA to

text messages, *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.*, 569 F.3d 946 (9th Cir. 2009), and the largest (up to \$76 million in total monetary relief) TCPA settlement to date. See *Birchmeier v. Caribbean Cruise Line, Inc., et al.*, No. 12-cv-4069 (N.D. Ill.). In addition to numerous settlements—collectively providing over \$200 million to consumers—we have over two dozen putative TCPA class actions pending against companies including Santander Consumer USA, Inc., GrubHub, United Student Aid Funds, NCO Financial Systems, and NRG Energy. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *Birchmeier v. Caribbean Cruise Line, Inc., et al.*, No. 12-cv-4069 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant violated federal law by making unsolicited telemarketing calls. Obtained adversarial class certification of nationwide class of approximately 1 million consumers. On the eve of trial, case resulted in the largest TCPA settlement to date, totaling up to \$76 million in monetary relief.
- *Kolinek v. Walgreen Co.*, No. 13-cv-4806 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant violated federal law by making unsolicited prescription reminder calls. Won reconsideration of dismissal based upon whether provision of telephone number constituted consent to call. Case settled for \$11 million.
- *Hopwood v. Nuance Communications, Inc., et al.*, No. 13-cv-2132 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendants violated federal law by making unsolicited marketing calls to consumers nationwide. \$9.245 million settlement provided class members option to claim unprecedented relief based upon total number of calls they received. Settlement resulted in some class members receiving in excess of \$10,000 each.
- *Rojas v CEC*, No. 10-cv-05260 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in text spam class action that settled for \$19,999,400.
- *In re Jiffy Lube Int'l Text Spam Litigation*, No. 11-md-2261, 2012 WL 762888 (S.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in \$35 million text spam settlement.
- *Ellison v Steve Madden, Ltd.*, No. cv 11-5935 PSG (C.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Kramer v. B2Mobile*, No. 10-cv-02722-CW (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$12.2 million text spam settlement.
- *Wright, et al. v. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC*, No. 14-cv-10457 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in \$12.1 million debt collection call settlement.
- *Pimental v. Google, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-02585 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant co-opted group text messaging lists to

send unsolicited text messages. \$6 million settlement provides class members with an unprecedented \$500 recovery.

- *Robles v. Lucky Brand Dungarees, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-04846 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Miller v. Red Bull*, No. 12-CV-04961 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in \$6 million text spam settlement.
- *Woodman v. ADP Dealer Services*, No. 2013 CH 10169 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in \$7.5 million text spam settlement.
- *Lockett v. Mogreet, Inc.*, No 2013 CH 21352 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in \$16 million text spam settlement.
- *Lozano v. 20th Century Fox*, No. 09-cv-05344 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendants violated federal law by sending unsolicited text messages to cellular telephones of consumers. Case settled for \$16 million.
- *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Weinstein v. Airt2me, Inc.*, No. 06 C 0484 (N.D. Ill): Co-lead counsel in \$7 million text spam settlement.

CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY

Fraudulent Software

In addition to the settlements listed below, EDELSON PC has consumer fraud cases pending in courts nationwide against companies such as McAfee, Inc., Avanquest North America Inc., PC Cleaner, AVG, iolo Technologies, LLC, among others. Representative settlements include:

- *Drymon v. Cyberdefender*, No. 11 CH 16779 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.75 million.
- *Gross v. Symantec Corp.*, No. 12-cv-00154-CRB (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$11 million.
- *LaGarde v. Support.com, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-00609-JSC (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$8.59 million.

- *Ledet v. Ascentive LLC*, No. 11-CV-294-PBT (E.D. Pa.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.6 million.
- *Webb v. Cleverbridge, Inc.*, No. 1:11-cv-04141 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$5.5 million.

Video Games

EDELSON PC has litigated cases video-game related cases against Activision Blizzard Inc., Electronic Arts, Inc., Google, and Zenimax Media, Inc.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY CLASS ACTIONS

We have been appointed lead counsel in state and federal products liability class settlements, including a \$30 million settlement resolving the “Thomas the Tank Engine” lead paint recall cases and a \$32 million settlement involving the largest pet food recall in the history of the United States and Canada. Representative settlements include:

- *Barrett v. RC2 Corp.*, No. 07 CH 20924 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in lead paint recall case involving Thomas the Tank toy trains. Settlement is valued at over \$30 million and provided class with full cash refunds and reimbursement of certain costs related to blood testing.
- *In re Pet Food Products Liability Litig.*, No. 07-2867 (D.N.J.): Part of mediation team in class action involving largest pet food recall in United States history. Settlement provided \$24 million common fund and \$8 million in charge backs.

INSURANCE CLASS ACTIONS

We have prosecuted and settled multi-million dollar suits against J.C. Penney Life Insurance for allegedly illegally denying life insurance benefits under an unenforceable policy exclusion and against a Wisconsin insurance company for terminating the health insurance policies of groups of self-insureds. Representative settlements include:

- *Holloway v. J.C. Penney*, No. 97 C 4555 (N.D. Ill.): One of the primary attorneys in a multi-state class action suit alleging that the defendant illegally denied life insurance benefits to the class. The case settled in or around December 2000, resulting in a multi-million dollar cash award to the class.
- *Ramlow v. Family Health Plan* (Wisc. Cir. Ct., WI): Co-lead counsel in a class action suit challenging defendant’s termination of health insurance to

groups of self-insureds. The plaintiff won a temporary injunction, which was sustained on appeal, prohibiting such termination and eventually settled the case ensuring that each class member would remain insured.

GENERAL CONSUMER PROTECTION CLASS ACTIONS

We have successfully prosecuted countless class actions against computer software companies, technology companies, health clubs, dating agencies, phone companies, debt collectors, and other businesses on behalf of consumers. In addition to the settlements listed below, EDELSON PC have litigated consumer fraud cases in courts nationwide against companies such as Motorola Mobility, Stonebridge Benefit Services, J.C. Penney, Sempris LLC, and Plimus, LLC. Representative settlements include:

Mobile Content

We have prosecuted over 100 cases involving mobile content, settling numerous nationwide class actions, including against industry leader AT&T Mobility, collectively worth over a hundred million dollars.

- *McFerren v. AT&T Mobility, LLC*, No. 08-CV-151322 (Fulton Cnty. Super. Ct., Ga.): Lead counsel class action settlement involving 16 related cases against largest wireless service provider in the nation. “No cap” settlement provided virtually full refunds to a nationwide class of consumers who alleged that unauthorized charges for mobile content were placed on their cell phone bills.
- *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 27 related cases alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$36 million.
- *Gray v. Mobile Messenger Americas, Inc.*, No. 08-CV-61089 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Case settled for \$12 million.
- *Parone v. m-Qube, Inc.*, No. 08 CH 15834 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving over 2 dozen cases alleging the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$12.254 million.
- *Williams v. Motricity, Inc.*, No. 09 CH 19089 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 24 cases alleging the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$9 million.

- *VanDyke v. Media Breakaway, LLC*, No. 08 CV 22131 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in class action settlement alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$7.6 million.
- *Gresham v. Cellco Partnership*, No. BC 387729 (L.A. Super. Ct., Cal.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Settlement provided class members with full refunds.
- *Abrams v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 07-05378 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement concerning the transmission of allegedly unauthorized mobile content.

Deceptive Marketing

- *Van Tassell v. UMG*, No. 1:10-cv-2675 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in negative option marketing class action. Case settled for \$2.85 million.
- *McK Sales Inc. v. Discover Bank*, No. 10-cv-02964 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging deceptive marketing aimed at small businesses. Case settled for \$6 million.
- *Farrell v. OpenTable*, No. 11-cv-01785 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in gift certificate expiration case. Settlement netted class over \$3 million in benefits.
- *Ducharme v. Lexington Law*, No. 10-cv-2763 (N.D. Cal): Lead counsel in CROA class action. Settlement resulted in over \$6 million of benefits to the class.
- *Pulcini v. Bally Total Fitness Corp.*, No. 05 CH 10649 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in four class action lawsuits brought against two health clubs and three debt collection companies. A global settlement provided the class with over \$40 million in benefits, including cash payments, debt relief, and free health club services.
- *Kozubik v. Capital Fitness, Inc.*, 04 CH 627 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in state-wide suit against a leading health club chain, which settled in 2004, providing the over 150,000 class members with between \$11 million and \$14 million in benefits, consisting of cash refunds, full debt relief, and months of free health club membership.
- *Kim v. Riscuity*, No. 06 C 01585 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in suit against a debt collection company accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with full debt relief and return of all money collected.

- *Jones v. TrueLogic Financial Corp.*, No. 05 C 5937 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in suit against two debt collectors accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with approximately \$2 million in debt relief.
- *Fertelmeyster v. Match.com*, No. 02 CH 11534 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under Illinois consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value in excess of \$3 million.
- *Cioe v. Yahoo!, Inc.*, No. 02 CH 21458 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under state consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value between \$1.6 million and \$4.8 million.
- *Zurakov v. Register.com*, No. 01-600703 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., N.Y. Cnty.): Co-lead counsel in a class action brought on behalf of an international class of over one million members against Register.com for its allegedly deceptive practices in advertising on “coming soon” pages of newly registered Internet domain names. Settlement required Register.com to fully disclose its practices and provided the class with relief valued in excess of \$17 million.

GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Our attorneys have handled a wide range of general commercial litigation matters, from partnership and business-to-business disputes to litigation involving corporate takeovers. We have handled cases involving tens of thousands of dollars to “bet the company” cases involving up to hundreds of millions of dollars. Our attorneys have collectively tried hundreds of cases, as well as scores of arbitrations and mediations.

OUR ATTORNEYS

JAY EDELSON is the founder and CEO of EDELSON PC. e is considered one of the nation’s leading class and mass action lawyers, having secured over \$1 billion in settlements and verdicts for his clients.

Law360 described Jay as a “Titan of the Plaintiff’s Bar“. The American Bar Association recognized Jay Edelson as one of the “most creative minds in the legal industry.” Law360 noted that he has “taken on some of the biggest companies and law firms in the world and has had success where others have not.” Another publication explained that “when it comes to legal strategy and execution, Jay is simply one of the best in the country.” Prof. Todd Henderson, the Michael J. Marks Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, opined that when thinking about “who’s the most innovative lawyer in the US ... [Jay is] at or near the top of my list.”

Jay has received special recognition for his success in taking on Silicon Valley. The national press has dubbed Jay and his firm the “most feared” litigators in Silicon Valley and, according to the New York Times, tech’s “babyfaced ... boogeyman.” Most recently, Chicago Lawyer Magazine dubbed Jay “Public Enemy No. 1 in Silicon Valley.” In the emerging area of privacy law, the international press has called Jay one of the world’s “profiliersten (most prominent)” privacy class action attorneys. The National Law Journal has similarly recognized Jay as a “Cybersecurity Trailblazer” — one of only two plaintiff’s attorneys to win this recognition.

Jay has taught class actions and negotiations at Chicago-Kent College of Law and privacy litigation at UC Berkeley School of Law. He has written a blog for Thomson Reuters, called Pardon the Disruption, where he focused on ideas necessary to reform and reinvent the legal industry and has contributed opinion pieces to TechCrunch, Quartz, the Chicago Tribune, law360, and others. He also serves on law 360’s Privacy & Consumer Protection editorial advisory board. In recognition of the fact that his firm runs like a start-up that “just happens to be a law firm,” Jay was recently named to “Chicago’s Top Ten Startup Founders over 40” by Tech.co.

Jay currently serves on Chicago’s 47th Ward Democratic Organization Judicial Recommendation Committee, which is responsible for interviewing, vetting and slating Cook County Judicial Candidates for election.

RYAN D. ANDREWS is a Partner at EDELSON PC. He presently leads the firm’s complex case resolution and appellate practice group, which oversees the firm’s class settlements, class notice programs, and briefing on issues of first impression.

Ryan has been appointed class counsel in numerous federal and state class actions nationwide that have resulted in over \$100 million dollars in refunds to consumers, including: *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.); *Ellison v. Steve Madden, Ltd.*, No. cv 11-5935 PSG (C.D. Cal.); *Robles v. Lucky Brand Dungarees, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-04846 (N.D. Cal.); *Lozano v. 20th Century Fox*, No. 09-cv-05344 (N.D. Ill.); *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.); and *Lofton v. Bank of America Corp.*, No. 07-5892 (N.D. Cal.).

Representative reported decisions include: *Lozano v. Twentieth Century Fox*, 702 F. Supp. 2d 999 (N.D. Ill. 2010), *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.* 569 F.3d 946 (9th Cir. 2009), *Kramer v. Autobytel, Inc.*, 759 F. Supp. 2d 1165 (N.D. Cal. 2010); *In re Jiffy Lube Int’l Text Spam Litig.*, 847 F. Supp. 2d 1253 (S.D. Cal. 2012); *Lee v. Stonebridge Life Ins. Co.*, 289 F.R.D. 292 (N.D. Cal. 2013); and *Kristensen v. Credit Payment Servs.*, 12 F. Supp. 3d 1292 (D. Nev. Mar. 26, 2014).

Ryan graduated from the University of Michigan, earning his B.A., with distinction, in Political Science and Communications. Ryan received his J.D. with High Honors from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and was named Order of the Coif. Ryan has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent, teaching a third-year seminar on class actions. While in law school, Ryan was a Notes & Comments Editor for The Chicago-Kent Law Review, earned CALI awards for the highest grade in five classes, and was a teaching assistant for both Property Law and Legal

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Ryan is licensed to practice in Illinois state courts, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

RAFEY S. BALABANIAN is the Managing Partner of EDELSON PC and its director of nationwide litigation. He started his career as a trial lawyer, serving as a prosecutor for the City of Chicago where he took part in dozens of trials. Rafey went on to join a litigation boutique in Chicago where he continued his trial work, before eventually starting with EDELSON in 2008. He is regarded by his peers as a highly skilled litigator, and has been appointed lead class counsel in more than two dozen class actions in state and federal courts across the country. His work has led to groundbreaking results in trial courts nationwide, and he has secured hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of his clients.

Some of Rafey's more notable achievements include nationwide settlements involving the telecom industry, including companies such as AT&T, Google, Sony, Motricity, and OpenMarket valued at more than \$100 million.

Rafey has also been appointed to the Executive Committee in the NCAA concussion cases, considered to be "one of the largest actions pending in the country, a multi district litigation ... that currently included about 100 personal injury class actions filed by college football players[.]" He also represents labor unions and governmental entities in lawsuits against the drug manufacturers and distributors over the on-going opioid crisis, and serves as trial court counsel in *Robins v. Spokeo, Inc.*, 2:10-cv-05306-ODW-AGR, which has been called the most significant consumer privacy case in recent years.

Rafey's class action practice also includes his work in the privacy sphere, and he has reached groundbreaking settlements with companies like Netflix, LinkedIn, Walgreens, Nationstar and comScore. Rafey also served as lead counsel in the case of *Dunstan, et al. v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.), where he led the effort to secure class certification of what is believed to be the largest adversarial class to be certified in a privacy case in the history of US jurisprudence.

Rafey's work in general complex commercial litigation includes representing clients ranging from "emerging technology" companies, real estate developers, hotels, insurance companies, lenders, shareholders and attorneys. He has successfully litigated numerous multi-million dollar cases, including several "bet the company" cases.

Rafey is a frequent speaker on class and mass action issues, and has served as a guest lecturer on several occasions at UC Berkeley Boalt School of Law. Rafey also serves on the Executive Committee of the Antitrust, Unfair Competition and Privacy Section of the State Bar of California where he has been appointed Vice Chair of Privacy, as well as the Executive Committee of the Privacy and Cybersecurity Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Rafey received his J.D. from the DePaul University College of Law in 2005. A native of Colorado, Rafey received his B.A. in History, with distinction, from the University of Colorado – Boulder in 2002.

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Chris received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School, his M.A. in Legal Sociology from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (located in Onati, Spain), and his B.A. in Legal Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Chris also serves on the Illinois Bar Foundation, Board of Directors.

DAVID I. MINDELL is a Partner at EDELSON PC where he helps direct a team of attorneys and engineers in investigating and litigating cases involving complex tech fraud and privacy violations. His team's research has led to lawsuits involving the fraudulent development, marketing, and sale of computer software, unlawful tracking of consumers through mobile-devices and computers, unlawful collection, storage, and dissemination of consumer data, mobile-device privacy violations, large-scale data breaches, and the Bitcoin industry. On the other side, David also serves as a consultant to a variety of emerging technology companies.

Prior to joining EDELSON PC, David co-founded several tech, real estate, and hospitality related ventures, including a tech startup that was acquired by a well-known international corporation within its first three years. David has advised tech companies on a variety of legal and strategic business-related issues, including how to handle and protect consumer data. He has also consulted with startups on the formation of business plans, product development, and launch.

While in law school, David was a research assistant for University of Chicago Law School Kauffman and Bigelow Fellow, Matthew Tokson, and for the preeminent cyber-security professor, Hank Perritt at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. David's research included cyberattack and denial of service vulnerabilities of the Internet, intellectual property rights, and privacy issues.

David has spoken to a wide range of audiences about his investigations and practice.

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Roger has been named a Rising Star by *Illinois Super Lawyer Magazine* four times since 2010.

Roger graduated from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a member of the University of Chicago Law Review. After law school, he served as a clerk to the Honorable Elaine E. Bucklo of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

EVE-LYNN J. RAPP is a Partner at EDELSON PC, where she focuses her practice on consumer technology class actions, with a particular emphasis on cell phone telephony and Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”) cases and “negative option” enrollment consumer fraud cases. She also regularly handles plaintiff’s side employment class actions, including federal Fair Labor Stands Act cases and their state law counterparts. Eve is the hiring partner for the firm’s Chicago office.

Eve has helped lead approximately 20 TCPA class actions, including *Birchmeier v. Caribbean Cruise Line, Inc. et al.*, No. 12-cv-04069 (N.D. Ill.), where she secured the largest adversarial TCPA class in this nation’s history. She is also lead counsel in one of the few “Do Not Call” TCPA cases to settle, resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement and affording class members with as much as \$5,000 individually. Eve has also prosecuted TCPA cases on an individual basis in arbitrations, winning six-figure settlements.

She has led over a half-dozen consumer fraud and “negative option” enrollment cases, against a variety of industries, including e-cigarette sellers, the on-line gaming companies, and electronic and sport products distributors.

Eve is also leading a series of employment class actions involving the cell tower industry, securing a six-figure settlement for the named plaintiff.

In a nationally publicized products liability case, Eve help secure a reversal from the United States Supreme Court, paving the way for hundreds of thousands of people to litigate their claims of deceptive marketing.

In 2015, Eve was selected as an Illinois Emerging Lawyer by Leading Lawyers.

Eve received her J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago-School of Law, graduating cum laude, with a Certificate in Trial Advocacy. During law school, she was an Associate Editor of Loyola’s International Law Review and externed as a “711” at both the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and for Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin. Eve also clerked for both civil and

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Eve is actively involved with the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc.'s Settlement Assistance Project where she represents a number of pro bono clients for settlement purposes.

BENJAMIN H. RICHMAN is the Managing Partner of EDELSON PC's Chicago office. He handles plaintiff's-side class and mass actions, helping employees in the workplace, consumers who were sold deceptive products or had their privacy rights violated, student athletes suffering from the effect of concussions, and labor unions and governmental bodies seeking to recover losses arising out of the opioid crisis. He also routinely represents technology and brick and mortar companies in a wide variety of commercial litigation and other matters. Overall, Ben has been appointed by the federal and state courts to be Class or Lead Counsel in dozens of cases. His suits have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for his clients.

On the plaintiff's side, Ben is currently part of the team leading the *National Collegiate Athletic Association Student-Athlete Concussion Injury Litigation – Single Sport/Single School (Football)* multi-district litigation, bringing personal injury lawsuits against the NCAA, athletic conferences, and its member institutions over concussion-related injuries. He is also representing labor unions and governmental entities in lawsuits against the drug manufacturers and distributors over the opioid crisis. And he is currently pursuing claims of Houston area homeowners against United States seeking recovery for alleged constitutional takings of their properties in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. In addition, Ben is lead counsel in numerous class actions involving alleged violations of class members' common law and statutory rights (e.g., violations of Alaska's Genetic Privacy Act, Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act, the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and others).

Some of Ben's notable achievements include acting as lead counsel and securing settlements collectively worth \$50 million dollars in over a half-dozen nationwide class actions against software companies involving claims of fraudulent marketing and unfair business practices. He was part of the team that litigated over a half-dozen nationwide class actions involving claims of unauthorized charges on cellular telephones, which ultimately led to settlements collectively worth hundreds of millions of dollars. And he has been lead counsel numerous multi-million dollar privacy settlements, including several that resulted in individual payments to class members reaching into the tens of thousands of dollars and another that –in addition to securing millions of dollars in monetary relief – also led to a waiver by the defendants of their primary defenses to claims that were not otherwise being released.

Ben's work in complex commercial matters includes successfully defending multiple actions against the largest medical marijuana producer in state of Illinois related to the issuance of its cultivation licenses, and successfully defending one of the largest mortgage lenders in the country on claims of unjust enrichment, securing dismissals or settlements that ultimately amounted to a fraction of typical defense costs in such actions. Ben has also represented startups in various matters, including licensing, intellectual property, and merger and acquisition.

Each year since 2015, Ben has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a *Rising Star* and Leading Lawyers as an *Emerging Lawyer* in both class action and mass tort litigation.

Ben received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School, where he was an Executive Editor of the Law Review and earned a Certificate in Trial Advocacy. While in law school, Ben served as a judicial extern to the Honorable John W. Darrah of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Ben has also routinely guest-lectured at various law schools on issues related to class actions, complex litigation and negotiation.

ARI J. SCHARG is a Partner at EDELSON PC and Chair of the firm's Government Affairs Group, where he counsels governmental entities and officials on a range of policy and strategic issues involving consumer protection, privacy, technology, and data security. Known as an aggressive advocate, Ari also leverages his experience litigating hundreds of complex class and mass action lawsuits to help local governments prosecute large-scale cost recovery actions, including those against the pharmaceutical companies responsible for the opioid crisis.

Recognized as one of the leading experts on privacy and emerging technologies, Ari serves on the inaugural Executive Oversight Council for the Array of Things Project where he advises on privacy and data security matters, Chairs the Illinois State Bar Association's Privacy and Information Security Section, and was recently appointed by the Illinois Senate President to Co-Chair the Illinois Blockchain and Distributed Ledgers Task Force alongside Representative Michael Zalewski (21st Dist.). Ari was selected as an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers (2013 – 2018), and received the Michigan State Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Award (2017) for "significantly advancing access to justice for the poor" through his consumer cases.

Ari regularly speaks about data security and technology at law schools and conferences around the country, and has testified before the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Commerce and Trade about the privacy implications raised by the surging data mining industry and the Nevada Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee about the privacy implications raised by the surreptitious collection and use of geolocation data.

Ari received his B.A. in Sociology from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor and graduated magna cum laude from The John Marshall Law School where he served as a Staff Editor for THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW and competed nationally in trial competitions. During law school, he also served as a judicial extern to The Honorable Bruce W. Black of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

ALFRED K. MURRAY II is Senior Litigation Counsel at EDELSON PC.

Alfred's prior experience includes handling a myriad of cases in his solo practice after spending several years at a well-respected civil litigation firm. Alfred's prior experience includes practice areas of civil right & municipal liability defense, commercial litigation, real estate litigation, and professional negligence. Known as a skilled yet reasonable litigator, Alfred has conducted bench trials, jury trials, and evidentiary hearings throughout the Northern District of Illinois, the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the surrounding suburbs. His experience in commercial litigation

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Alfred received his B.S. in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School. During law school, Alfred served as the Chief Justice on the Moot Court Honors Board and participated in a number of national moot court competitions. While a law student, he also served as a judicial extern to The Honorable Abishi C. Cunningham of the Circuit Court of Cook County and served as a law clerk in the criminal enforcement division of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan.

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Prior to law school, Lily attended the University of Notre Dame, where she graduated *magna cum laude* with departmental honors and earned her B.A. in Political Science and was awarded a James F. Andrews Scholarship for commitment to social concerns. She is also a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies.

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TODD LOGAN is an Associate at EDELSON PC. He focuses his practice on class and mass actions and large-scale governmental suits. Todd represents labor unions and governments seeking to recover losses arising out of the opioid crisis, Houston area homeowners in litigation against the United States seeking recovery for alleged constitutional takings of their properties in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, student athletes suffering from the harmful effects of concussions, employees and consumers who have had their privacy rights violated, and consumers who were defrauded.

Todd has litigated dozens of lawsuits in federal and state courts. He led Edelson's efforts in litigating and ultimately obtaining the first ever class action settlement under Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act. Overall, his cases have resulted in settlements that have paid out tens of millions of dollars.

From 2016–17, Todd clerked for the Honorable James Donato in the Northern District of California.

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Ben's work at the firm has achieved significant results for classes of consumers. He has been appointed as class counsel in several high profile cases, including, for example, *Harris v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.) (appointed class counsel in case against data analytics company, which is estimated to be the largest privacy class action certified on adversarial basis and resulted in \$14MM settlement). Ben has also played critical and leading roles in developing, briefing, and arguing novel legal theories on behalf of his clients, including by delivering the winning oral argument to the Eleventh Circuit in the seminal case of *Resnick, et al. v. AvMed, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-24513 (S.D. Fla.) (appointed class counsel in industry-changing data breach case, which obtained a landmark appellate decision endorsing common law unjust enrichment theory, irrespective of whether identity theft occurred) and recently obtaining certification of a class of magazine subscribers in *Coulter-Owens v. Time, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14390 (E.D. Mich.) (achieved adversarial certification in privacy case brought by class of magazine subscribers against magazine publisher under Michigan's Preservation of Personal Privacy Act). His cases have resulted in millions of dollars to consumers.

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Before settling into his legal career, Ben worked in and around the Chicago and Washington, D.C. areas in a number of capacities, including stints as a website designer/developer, a regular contributor to a monthly Capitol Hill newspaper, and a film projectionist and media technician (with many years experience) for commercial theatres, museums, and educational institutions.

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Prior to joining EDELSON PC, Shawn worked for Motorola Solutions in the Security and Federal Operations Centers as an Information Protection Specialist. Shawn's responsibilities included network and computer forensic analysis, malware analysis, threat mitigation, and incident handling for various commercial and government entities.

Shawn is an Adjunct Industry Associate Professor for the School of Applied Technology at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) where he has been teaching since December of 2013. Additionally, Shawn is a faculty member of the IIT Center for Cyber Security and Forensics Education which is a collaborative space between business, government, academia, and security professionals. Shawn's contributions aided in IIT's designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance by the National Security Agency.

Shawn graduated with high honors from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a Masters of Information Technology Management with a specialization in Computer and Network Security. During graduate school, Shawn was inducted into Gamma Nu Eta, the National Information Technology Honor Society.